

Remarks

Applicants respectfully submit that the PTO's arbitrary division of single claims into multiple "inventions" by restriction vitiates the applicants' right to claim their invention in the way they believe best. In re Weber, 198 USPQ 328 (CCPA 1978). Therefore, applicants traverse the restriction requirement. Applicants believe that the election of species requirement is moot in view of the above election.

An early and favorable action on the merits is requested. Please charge any additional fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 13-2725.

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